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Honorable Lamar Smith
Member, House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Smith:

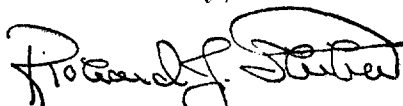
This is in reply to your letter of March 8, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Tom Helm, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
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Private Radio Bureau

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The Honorable Lamar Smith
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Dear Representative Smith:

If the FCC's PR Docket 92-235 is adopted, the new rules would greatly reduce the frequencies allowed for model use. Not only would this increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes, but will affect the interest of these young flyers and hobbyists of the future. The model airplane hobby is a wholesome educational and recreational outlet for young people.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band, which is also used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the